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1. JAPAN

TAX OFFICE HAS SEIZED ASSETS YOSHIO KODAMA, CENTRAL FIGURE
LOCKHEED SCANDAL (WP 4/25).

SENIOR MINJUS OFFICIAL TOLD DIET MONDAY AUTHORITIES HAVE
QUESTIONED OVER 100 WITNESSES IN LOCKHEED PROBE, BUT
"COULD NOT DISCLOSE" NAMES (REUTER TOKYO).

AFTER TWO MONTHS NEGOTIATING, PRC CUT FIRST HALF 1976
STEEL IMPORTS FROM JAPAN 75 PCT, TO 550,000 TONS.
JAPAN STEEL CORP'S INAYAMA SAID CUTPACK PRC STEEL
REQUIREMENTS "UNAVOIDABLE," GIVEN CURRENT INTERNAL
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TROUBLE, BUT VIEWED REDUCTION AS "MERELY TRANSITIONAL."

INDUSTRY SOURCES SAY TOYOTA, NISSAN FEAR EROSION COMPETITIVE POSITION IN US ONCE VW PLANT OPENS (UPI NYDN, NYT). TOYOTA SAID WEIGHING US PLANT, WITH 20,000 CARS/YR CAPACITY, PERHAPS EARLY 1980'S (AP, GLOBE).

2. PHILIPPINES

ROMULO SAID SATURDAY FORD, MARCOS AGREED IN MANILA LAST DECEMBER PHIL SOVEREIGNTY OVER US MIL BASES "INCONTESTIBLE," THUS "NON-NEGOTIABLE." NOTED BASE TALKS BEGUN WASHINGTON THIS MONTH WILL BE RESUMED BAGUIO, JUNE. ADDED DOES NOT REFLECT ILL-FEELING TOWARD AMERICANS (UPI, WSTAR 4/25).

SIX ENGINEERS, BUILDING OFFICIALS, JAILED IN CONNECTION DEATH 315 PEOPLE IN BUILDING COLLAPSE DURING PHIL'S WORST EARTHQUAKE EIGHT YRS AGO (WP).

3. CHINA

PRC ANNOUNCED SATURDAY 20,000-FOOT WELL HAD BEEN SUNK IN WS SZECHWAN, AND HAILED IT AS BREAKTHROUGH IN COUNTRY'S OIL EXPLORATION (REUTER CSM; WP 4/25).

AFP (NYT 4/25) REPORTS PRC PERMITTING ABOUT 100 PEOPLE, 8N 20 FAMILIES FROM LAHU AND PULANG NATIONAL MINORITIES, TO EXIST IN YUNNAN PROVINCE OUTSIDE COUNTRY'S COMMUNIST SYSTEM. THESE GROUPS HAVE REFUSED GO ALONG WITH COMMUNAL SYSTEM, BELONG TO NO STATE PRODUCTION UNITS. THEIR EXISTENCE DISCLOSED TO JOURNALISTS WEEK BEFORE LAST.

AL ABRAM SATURDAY QUOTED MUBARAK SAYING PEKING HAS AGREED GIVE EGYPT ARMS FREE OF CHARGE; "THEY EVEN OFFERED US ARMS WHICH WE DID NOT ASK FOR." VP ADDED THAT MIL AGREEMENT TAKES EFFECT IMMEDIATELY (WP). IZVESTIA FRIDAY ACCUSED MUBARAK OF HAVING "ANTI-SOVIET GOALS" FOR PRC VISIT, DECLARED PEKING-CAIRO RAPPROCHMENT NOT DICTATED BY TRUE INTERESTS OF EGYPTIAN PEOPLE (WSTAR UNCLASSIFIED

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4/24).

NYT (4/25) CARRIES UPI PHOTO OF CHINESE SCIENTISTS EXAMINING CRBAER, ABOUT 6 FEET IN DIAMETER AND ABOUT 20 FEET DEEP, IN KIRIN PROVINCE, MANCHURIA; FORMED DURING METEORITE SHOWER MARCH 8.

PRC AND CAPE VERDE ISLANDS ESTABLISHED DIPLO RELS

SUNDAY AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVER, ACCORDING NCNA (AFP, NYT).

NYT'S KLEIMAN (4/25) RECOUNTS RECENT NYC TRIAL INVOLVING ALLEGED BILKING OF CHASE MANHATTAN OF 732,000 DOLS BY ONE MUNROE SCHWEBEL. BIZARRE CASE INVOLVED BATTERY OF UNSECURED LOANS, OVERDRAWN CHECKS, RARE COLLECTION CHINESE PAINTINGS, AND RETIRED ROC DIPLOMAT PE-CHIN CHANG.

4. MALAYSIA

COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS SET OFF BOMBS ON MAIN N-S RAIL LINE SUNDAY, IN PERAK STATE, ACCORDING POLICE. TORE UP 50 YDS TRACK. DELAYED TRAINS OVER FIVE HOURS (WP; REUTER, NYT).

5. PACIFIC ISLANDS

PRES FORD DECLARED TTPI DISASTER AREA, DUE APR , TYPHOON. THUS MAKES US FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR DISASTER RELIEF (AP, NYT).

6. INDONESIA

SPOKESMAN SAID SUNDAY CHOLERA KILLED 10 PEOPLE W JAVA LAST WEEK, 200 HOSPITALIZED (REUTER NYT).

7. THAILAND

NYT SPECIAL (4/24) SAYS DEATH THAI DEFENSE CHIEF KRIS SAVARA CASTS PALL OVER NEW SENI GOVT, INTRODUCES NEW UNCERTAINTY INTO POL SCENE -- SINCE KRIS MODERATING INFLUENCE IN MIL, AMONG POL, BUSINESS LEADERS. ALSO UNCLASSIFIED

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RESPECTED BY LEFTISTS, STUDENT ACTIVISTS.

8. INDOCHINA

ON DEFENSIVE FROM FOREIGN POLICY ATTACK BY REAGAN, PRES IN INDIANA FRIDAY DENIED US PLANS ESTABLISH DIP RELS WITH NVN. SAID US INTEREST IN TALKING WITH HANOI IS TO GET MIA INFO; ADDED WE'RE WILLING DISCUSS SOME "HUMANITARIAN AID" TO VN (SHABECOFF, NYT 4/24). ON CAMPAIGN SWING FORD BRANDED AS EXAMPLE IRRESPONSIBILITY REAGAN, SUGGESTION US CONSIDERING RECOGNITION NVN. DIP SOURCES SAY PRES' TERMS HARDEN LINES TAKEN BY DOS. FORD CLEARLY ANXIOUS REFUTE REAGAN STATEMENT THERE IS COMMITMENT BETWEEN NVN, ADMIN; APPEARS CLOSE DOOR LEFT AJAR BY SECSTATE (DOPBIN, SUN 4/24). DOS OVERTURES

DID NOT INDICATE ADMIN CONSIDERING SUPPORTING NVN ENTRY INTO UN OR PLANNING EARLY RECOGNITION HANOI. UNDER ATTACK FROM REAGAN, PRES WENT FURTHER, DENIED ADMIN WILL GRANT HANOI DIP RECOGNITION -- BUT CHARGE WILL NOT GO AWAY (WALSH, WP 4/24).

JIMMY CARTER IN PA. SATURDAY ASSAILED PRES FOR YIELDING TO PRESSURE FROM REAGAN IN SAYING US WOULD NOT NORMALIZE RELS WITH NVN IN RETURN FOR MIA ACCOUNTING. ACCUSED FORD PLAYING POLITICS WITH US FOREIGN POLICY, MIA ISSUE. WH SAYS CARTER, REAGAN APPARENTLY MISUNDERSTAND SEQUENCE MESSAGES BETWEEN US, NVN. CARTER SAID IF ELECTED HE WILL LEAVE OPEN OPTION OF RELS WITH NVN UNTIL AFTER MIA ACCOUNTING (BRODER, WP).

VN PLUGS FOR LARGE VOTE AS STRIDE TOWARD REUNIFICATION. ELECTION, ASSY CONVENING WILL BE IMPORTANT STEPS TOWARD FORMAL POL UNION, THOUGH COUNTRY ALREADY UNIFIED THROUGH LAO DONG PARTY CONTROL (BRADSHAW, WSTAR 4/23). THOUSANDS RALLY IN SAIGON IN ELECTION DEMONSTRATION. EACH VOTER ISSUED PINK CARD THAT WILL BE STAMPED WHEN HE VOTES (AFP, NYT 4/24). GOVT BANS ALL NORMAL ACTIVITIES, BRACES FOR "RIGHTIST" ATTEMPTS "RAVAGE" ELECTIONS. SPECIAL ATTENTION PAID WOMEN VOTERS. NO OPPOSITION CANDIDATES IN NATL ASSY RACE (AP, SUN 4/24).

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NVN, SVN VOTERS GO TO POLLS (WP 4/25) IN FESTIVE MOOD, ENCOURAGED BY SIRENS, BANDS, DANCES, PRIESTS (WSTAR 4/25); 281 CANDIDATES SELECTED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO REVOLUTION VIE FOR 243 SEATS IN SVN. ELECTION IMPORTANT SYMBOLOCALLY, SINCE COUNTRY ALREADY ESSENTIALLY UNITED UNDER LAO DONG PARTY, NVN ARMY. PHAM HUNG LEADS SVN CANDIDATE LIST. CAMPAIGN BIOS SEVERAL CANDIDATES CONFIRM NVN CONTROL PRG -- FACT HANOI APPARENTLY WANTED OBSCURE TO PRESERVE FICTION THAT MOVEMENT IN SVN WAS INDEPENDENT (BUTTERFIELD, NYT 4/25).

NVN, SVN VOTERS ELECT NATL ASSY, SET STAGE FOR FORMAL REUNIFICATION (WSJ). VOTER TURNOUT VIRTUALLY TOTAL, AS EXPECTED. ASSY EXPECTED MEET SOON TO ELECT CENTRAL GOVT, DECIDE ON COUNTRY'S NAME, FLAG, ANTHEM, CAPITAL SITE (SIMONS, WP; UPI, NYT; PHINQ).

HEAD SVN CENTRAL BANK AT JAKARTA TELLS ANNUAL ADB MEETING HIS GOVT WOULD CONTINUE MEMBERSHIP (WP 4/25), IN EFFECT BIDDING FOR ECON AID THROUGH CHANNEL ORIGINALLY OPENED FOR SVN (WSJ).

POSSIBILITY PRIVATE US OIL EXPLORATIONS OFF VN COAST
BEING DISCUSSED, ACCORDING MOBIL (CSM) IN MEETINGS
BEING HELD PARIS BETWEEN FIRM, VN OFFICIALS. MOBIL
EXECUTIVE STATES 2 MEETINGS HELD WITH PRG OFFICIALS,
2 WITH NVN. ADDS SESSIONS DID NOT CONSTITUTE NEGOTIATIONS
(AP SUN, WSJ). GWERTZMAN (NYT 4/25) REPORTS SEVERAL
US OIL FIRMS QUIETLY INVITED BY NVN TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS
FOR RESUMING OFFSHORE EXPLORATION. SAYS US, FOREIGN
FIRMS, HOLD SECRET NEGOTIATIONS WITH VIETS, WITH INFO
ON MEETINGS PROVIDED DOS BY OIL COMPANY EXECUTIVES WHO WISH
REMAIN ANONYMOUS. NOTES OIL OFFICIALS PREDICT MAJOR

CONTRACT WILL BE SIGNED WITH HANOI THIS YR BY
WESTERN FIRMS, INCLUDING US IF EMBARGO DROPPED.
GWERTZMAN REVIEWS HISTORIES OIL EXPLORATION OFF SVN,
RELS BETWEEN USG, VN SINCE SAIGON FALL. MENTIONS OIL
COMPANIES IN PARIS DECIDED HANOI WAS REAL POWER,
NEGOTIATED WITH HANOI REPS INSTEAD SVIETS.

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NVN COL SAYS COMMUNISTS SURPRISED BY FAST COLLAPSE GVN.
ADDS IF OFFENSIVE HAD DRAGGED ON INTO MAY WHEN RAINY
SEASON STARTED, TARGET WOULD 'AVE BEEN POSTPONED
UNTIL 1976 (UPI, NYT 4/25). SVN GOVT THREATENS
EXTERMINATE FORMER ARVN MEMBERS WHO CONTINUE OPPOSE
REGIME. OFFICIAL SAYS NUMBER FORMER ARMED FORCES
IN TOUCH WITH "IMPERIALISTS, CIA, CAPITALISTS" TO
OPPOSE REV GOVT (REUTER NYT 4/24).

GENL UNION REPRESENTING 4200 VIETS IN FRANCE HOLDS
FOUNDING MEETING NEAR PARIS (AFP, WP). CZECHOSLOVAKIA
IMPORTS INCREASING NUMBERS VIET WORKERS TO TRAIN, HELP
OFFSET LABOR SHORTAGE. OFFICIAL SAYS 3600 IN-COUNTRY,
1400 ON WAY (BROWNE, NYT 4/25).

AFSC'S BORTON (NYT 4/25) DESCRIBES NVN EMPHASIS ON
LITERACY IN EDUCATION, AS DESIRED BY HO.

CAMBODIA'S AMB TO UN SAYS REPORTS MASS KILLINGS NOTHING
BUT US, WESTERN PRESS PROPAGANDA (WP 4/24), AFTER YR
RESTIVE SILENCE. UN DEL HOLDS RECEPTION, SHOWS FILMS,
ISSUES PRESS RELEASES, HAS INFORMAL PRESS BRIEFING --
ALL SEEMINGLY AIMED AT COUNTERING CAMBODIA'S POOR
IMAGE (WSTAR 4/24).

IN 1969, J. EDGAR HOOVER ORDERED FBI DETERMINE SOURCE
NYT ARTICLE REPORTING SECRET RAIDS ON CAMBODIA (CREWDSON,
NYT 4/24).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9. INDOCHINA

MOST PAPERS GIVE ARTICLES REVIEWING VN EVENTS OF PAST YR PROMINENT PLAY. NYT MAG (4/25) HAS AUSTERLITZ PIECE ON "V;ETNAMIZING SOUTH VIETNAM." REPORTS ON RE-EDUCATION EX-GVN MIL, MOVING 5 MILLION CITY DWELLERS BACK TO FARM; NOTES NEW COMMUNIST RULERS SOFT-PEDEL REVOLUTION AS SEEK RETURN TRADITIONAL WAYS. DESCRIBES SAIGON 1-YR-AFTER FALL. CONCLUDES WAR'S END HAS REOPENED VN TO OUTSIDE WORLD. SEES OVERRIDING PRE-UNCLASSIFIED

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OCCUPATION WITH RECONSTRUCTION. OPINES WHAT MIGHT EMERGE IS NATION OF 45 MILLION WITH QUALITIES ACKNOWLEDGED BY FRIEND/FOE, CONSIDERABLE NATL RESOURCES, BEST ARMY IN SEA, PROFOUND SENSE NATL, CULTURAL IDENTITY THAT WOULD PLAY INCREASING ROLE IN WORLD.

WP'S SIMONS (4/25 - USIA READING FILE) LOOKS OVER YR'S EVENTS INDOCHINA. NOTES EXTREME REPRESSION IN CAMBODIA, REVOLUTION MOVING CALMLY IN LAOS, WITH VN IN-BETWEEN.

MARDER (WP 4/25 - IN USIA READING FILE) NOTES SHOCK IN US PRODUCED BY GVN FALL, WITH AVOIDANCE INQUEST. CONCLUDES US EXIT VN FAILED RESOLVE BASIC CONFLICT AMONG AMERICANS OVER US WORLD ROLE.

10. KOREA

KOREA TRADE PROMOTION CTR AND NYT URGES BUYERS NOT MISS SPRING 76 KOREA TRADE SHOW, SEOUL CLOSING MAY 15. GIVES NY INFO CALL NUMBER. WILL PROVIDE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS IN SK, GUIDES, ASSISTANCE, SPECIAL HOTEL RATES FOR -FAVORED" BUYERS.

PRINCETON'S INTL LAW PROF RAYMOND FALK (NYT 4/25) DISCOUNTS SECURITY THREAT AS REASON FOR RECENT SK CRACKDOWN ON 'PROMINENT POLITICAL MODERATES AND CIVIC LEADERS.' STATES REPRESSION STEMS FROM SK STRATEGY OF ECON DEVELOPMENT, WHICH REQUIRES LARGE FOREIGN INVESTMENTS/LOANS THAT CAN ONLY BE ATTRACTED BY ASSURED SHORT-TERM PROFITS. ALSO DEPENDS ON "OUT-RAGEOUSLY LOW WAGES," LARGE-SCALE CORRUPTION OF BUREAUCRACY. BELIEVES DOMESTIC OPPOSITION TO PARK CONVINCED SUCH ECON GROWTH POLICIES DEEPEN EXISTING INEQUITIES, UNDERMINE NATL AUTONOMY BY PLACING SK ECON FATE AT MERCY FOREIGN BANKERS, INVESTORS. NOTES

OPPOSITION DOES NOT CALL FOR US TROOP WITHDRAWAL, BUT FOR THEIR CRITICISM OF JAPANESE, US FINANCIAL OPERATIONS ARE LABELED ENEMIES OF STATE, TREATED AS "COMMUNIST SYMPATHIZERS." SUGGESTS LABOR AGITATION, NOT COMMUNIST THREAT, IS PERCEIVED AS REAL DANGER TO INTERNAL SECURITY. UNCLASSIFIED

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11. JAPAN

SEIDEN (SUN 4/24) CITES MFA, KEIDANREN DENIALS FRIDAY OF KNOWLEDGE OR SUPPORT OF JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN REPORTED GIVING W IRIAN INSURGENTS ARMS, MONEY. NOTES SPOKESMAN SAID MFA WOULD PROBE STATEMENT BY RETIRED TIRE-SALESMAN THAT VETERANS GROUP HE HEADS GAVE 200,000 DOLS TO REBELS OVER PAST 13 YEARS. INDO

EMBASSY SAID KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT ALLEGED JAPANESE SUPPORT FOR INSURGENCY.

AP (WP 4/25), UPI (WSTAR 4/25) NOTE SHARP REACTIONS TO DISCLOSURE BY TWO PARLIAMENTARIANS IN ITALY THAT LOCKHEED'S CODE-NAMED AGENT, "ANTELOPE COBBLER," HELPED SELL C-130 IN LATE 60'S.

SUN'S 4/25) DEPLORES FACT 'ANTELOPE COBBLER' PLOY IN LOCKHEED NOW LOOMS OMINOUSLY OVER ITALY, HAMPERS CD'S IN DESPERATE STRUGGLE MAINTAIN POSITON AGAINST DETERMINED CP CHALLENGE, WHICH HAK SAYS COULD UNDERMINE NATO. DECLARES FACT CP STANDS BENEFIT MOST FROM LOCKHEED-ANTELOPE COBBLER RELATIONSHIP SHOULD DISPEL NOTION ANY US INTEREST SERVED WHEN US FIRMS PAY OFF FOREIGN OFFICIALS.

WSJ'S THARP, IN TOKYO, REVIEWS GENERAL SUCCESS OF EMPLOYERS IN LIMITING WAGE SETTLEMENTS THIS SPRING TO LESS THAN 10 PCT. NOTES STRIKES WERE NOT EFFECTIVE BARGAINING TOOL. SINCE OLD DOUBLE-DIGIT PAY HIKE FORMULA BROKEN FOR SECOND YEAR, NOTES SOME OBSERVERS ASK WHETHER ORGANIZED LABOR SHOULD CHANGE TACTICS TO REFLECT SLOWER GROWTH RATES.

WSTAR (4/23) REPRINTS FINDINGS BY NYT'S MALCOLM THAT AMERICAN-STYLE SUBURBAN HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN JAPAN 20 YRS BEHIND US.

12. CHINA

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CODEL JUST BACK FROM PRC VISIT SAYS CHINESE "EMPHATICALLY NOT INTERESTED" IN FORMAL DEFENSE AGREEMENTS WITH US OR IN BUYING US ARMS OR MIL TECHNOLOGY. REPORTS CHINESE FEEL MIL THREAT FROM SOVIET, BUT WANT NO FURTHER DEFENSIVE ASSOCIATION WITH US THAN EXISTS IN SHANGHAI AGREEMENT (WSJ). ACCORDING REP. PRICE, CHINESE STRESS 'CURRENT SOVIET MILITARY THREAT BOTH TO THEMSELVES AND TO THE NE"U;' BUT "YOU GO YOUR WAY AND WE'LL GO OURS' SUMS UP THEIR POSITION"; THEY PREFER INDEPENDENCE, SELF-RELIANCE. CONGRESSMEN SAID THEY SAW NO EVIDENCE OF RIOTING EARLIER THIS MONTH THAT ACCOMPANIED TENG DISMISSAL; ADDED THEY WERE TOLD PEKING ANXIOUS IMPROVE RELS WITH EGYPT (UPI GLOBE, NYT, NYDN).

ACCORDING NYT'S GELB (4/25), FORD ADMIN, WHILE STRICTLY ENFORCING CONTROLS ON US MIL EQUIPMENT SALES TO PRC, HAS QUIETLY ACQUIESCED TO SOME EUROPEAN SALES TO PEKING AND TO NEGOTIATIONS ON FUTURE SALES. QUOTES OFFICIALS THAT THIS DID NOT CONSTITUTE POLICY DECISION, BUT RATHER DISPOSITION TO SEND PRC POSITIVE SIGNAL WITHOUT PROVOKING SOVIET (ALSO IN 4/25 SUN, WSTAR).

IN 4/24 LETTER TO NYT, PAUL SIH, DIRECTOR CENTER OF ASIAN STUDIES, ST. JOHN'S U, FOUND NYT 4/12 JONATHAN POLLACK ARTICLE ("PEKING'S NUCLEAR RESTRAINT") MISLEADING. MAINTAINS PEKING FAILURE INTENSIFY NUKE HARDWARE PRODUCTION IS NOT SIGN OF CAUTION OR SELF-RESTRAINT, BUT RESULTS FROM COUNTRY'S INCAPABILITY DOING SO DUE TO ENDLESS POLITICAL DISTURBANCES AT HOME WHICH HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT SCIENTIFIC ADVANCEMENT IMPOSSIBLE. NOTES PEKING STILL REFUSES SIGN NUKE TEST BAN TREATY.

KARNOW (GLOBE) SAYS NEW INTERNAL PRC TURMOIL WOULD INEVITABLY WEAKEN PEKING GOVT, THEREBY REDUCING ITS USEFULNESS TO US AS COUNTERWEIGHT IN DEALINGS WITH SOVIET. SEES REAGAN THREAT FORCING ADMIN DELAY FOR AT LEAST UNTIL NEXT YEAR ANY NORMALIZATION RELS WITH PEKING; IN MEANTIME, TRICKY US-SINO-SOVIET EQUILIBRIUM THREATENS BECOME UNDONE.

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CITING GREAT STRIDES PRC REPORTEDLY IS TAKING IN EARTH-QUAKE PREDICTION, SANFRAN CHRON (4/16) URGES PASSAGE OF BILLS IN SENATE/HOUSE WHICH WOULD SPUR SIMILAR

SCIENTIFIC PROGRESS IN US.

IN CAIRO (4/24), WP'S LIPPMAN FINDS PRC HAS REPLACED SOVIET AS HERO IN STATE-RUN MEDIA, WITH CHINESE BEING PORTRAYED AS "ULTRUISTIC FRIENDS WITH BOY SCOUT VIRTUES AND SELF-EFFACING MODESTY., THOUGH MODEST, MUBARAK'S CONCRETE ACHIEVEMENTS IN PEKING ARE BEING PRESENTED IN CAIRO AS BREAKTHROUGHS THAT WILL SET PATTERN FOR SINO-EGYPTIAN COOPERATION IN MANY FIELDS.

BUTTERFIELD (NYT 4/24), IN HK, OUTLINES "PEKING POLITICAL GLOSSARY" AS GUIDE TO SOME OF CURRENT TERMS IN PRC POLITICAL LEXICON. CONCLUDES THAT IF RECENT OUTPOURING OF SENTIMENT FOR CHOU DURING CHING MING FESTIVAL OF DEAD TWO WEEKS AGO ANY INDICATION, LARGE NUMBERS OF CHINESE PREFER MODERATES' MORE ORDINARY APPROACH TO LEFTISTS' COURSE.

IN ALMA-ATA, USSR, NYT'S WREN (4/24) FINDS SOVIET KAZAKHSTAN HELPING ASSIMILATE SOME OF CENTRAL ASIAN REFUGEES WHO HAVE FLED PRC. BUT DISCOVERS REALITY OF PRC, 200 MILES AWAY, NOT ALTOGETHER FORGOTTEN, AS SOME ALMA-ATA TEENAGERS TALK OF FIGHTING CHINESE ONE DAY.

13. INDOCHINA (CONT.)

SUN'S ISAACS (4/25) REVIEWS GVN FALL, NOTES REPRISALS, BUT ON BALANCE, NO BLOODBATH. CALLS COMMUNISTS' POLICIES SO FAR LENIENT, BASED ON PRACTICAL AS WELL AS HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS: POLICY OF TERROR COULD HAVE BACKFIRED, PRODUCED EXTENSIVE RESISTANCE. TREWHITT (SUN 4/25) NOTES SIMMERING DEBATE ON RECOGNITION IN US, "COSMETIC" ELECTIONS IN VN. REVIEWS US-NVN RECENT EXCHANGE NOTES; SAYS HANOI HAS POWERFUL ALLIES AMONG US BUSINESSMEN. POINTS OUT REAGAN "CAMPAIGN OVERSTATEMENT" ON RECOGNITION TOUCHES ON SOME PART LONG-TERM REALITY. OPINES HOW WELL HE DOES WITH IT MAY PROVIDE CLUES HOW MUCH PRAGMATISM US PUBLIC WILL STAND. CSM'S SOUTHERLAND SEES UNCLASSIFIED

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REUNIFICATION VICTOR IN VN ELECTIONS. PREDICTS 4TH PARTY CONGRESS LATER THIS YR WILL BE MORE INTERESTING. SAYS REUNIFICATION COMING MORE QUICKLY THAN MANY THOUGHT POSSIBLE; COMMUNIST LEADERS DECIDED NOT DELAY, TAKE CHANCES ON REGIONAL DIFFERENCES SOLIDIFYING.

LIPSKY (WSJ) NOTES VN SEAT AT ADB POSES TICKLISH QUESTIONS FOR AGENCY, US. SAYS UNTIL RECENTLY UNCLEAR WHETHER VN WOULD SEEK MAINTAIN SEAT, PURSUE PROJECTS/STUDIES TO WHICH ADB PREVIOUSLY AGREED WITH GVN. STATES ADB WILL

HAVE TO DECIDE WHETHER RECOGNIZE UNIFIED VN AS HEIR TO
SVN SEAT, WHICH MIGHT CAUSE DISAGREEMENTS AMONG BANK'S
MEMBERS. ADDS POSSIBILITY ADB LOANS TO VN MIGHT STIFFEN
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